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Since I know you all think I'm goofing off....I really do plan to be in the office next week. But this is a fluid situation up here and at some point, I need to come retrieve this thing. BTW, all the a/c units went out, so it isn't a cakewalk by any stretch of the imagination

See ya,

Derek

## **Roles of EPA and Other Responders After the 2015 Gold King Mine Release**

### **How is EPA Responding?**

EPA is committed to working closely with response agencies and state and local officials to ensure the safety of citizens, respond to concerns and to evaluate impact to water contaminated by the spill.

### **Water Monitoring, Sampling and Data Collection**

EPA teams are deployed throughout the Animas River corridor collecting data. We collected water quality samples from nine locations in the river near intakes for Aztec, Farmington, Lower Valley Water Users Association, Morning Star Water Supply System and the North Star Water User Association. Each of these locations will continue to monitor as the release makes its way past these areas. Our Mobile Command Post arrived in Farmington on August 9. At the request of New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED), we are sending additional scientists and technicians to New Mexico to assist with water quality monitoring, sampling and outreach.

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